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**To:** Greene, Nikia [Greene.Nikia@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Wall, Dan [wall.dan@epa.gov]; Lynn Woodbury [woodburyl@cdmsmith.com]  
**Subject:** Fwd: Follow up to EPA review on meconium

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**From:** Kristine De Leon <kristine.deleon@mtstandard.com>  
**Date:** February 5, 2020 at 6:37:07 PM MST  
**To:** "Partridge, Charles" <Partridge.Charles@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Follow up to EPA review on meconium

That was super helpful, Charlie. Thank you! I just wanted to check if it was ok to refer to the EPA review as a "peer-reviewed" study since you mentioned during your presentation that other agencies and scientists and consultants reviewed or contributed to the study.

And one more thing—I was wondering if it would be possible to get an electronic copy of the table, titled "Summary of metal concentrations in meconium presented in the literature." I meant to ask for an electronic copy earlier in the day, but it slipped my mind. I know the council meeting is coming up, so if it's a hassle, I can try to scan my physical copy.

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**From:** Partridge, Charles [mailto:Partridge.Charles@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 5, 2020 6:13 PM  
**To:** Kristine De Leon <kristine.deleon@mtstandard.com>  
**Subject:** Re: Follow up to EPA review on meconium

No, not in the way that I think that you are asking. Although other agencies and scientists have reviewed our findings, and concurred, it is not for publication in a scientific journal. If we do decide to write a letter to the editor, then at that point I guess you could say that it was reviewed in the manner in which that you are asking.

Hope that was helpful,

Charlie

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On Feb 5, 2020, at 4:23 PM, Kristine De Leon <[kristine.deleon@mtstandard.com](mailto:kristine.deleon@mtstandard.com)> wrote:

Hi Charlie,

It was a pleasure to meet you this morning, and thank you for chatting with me after the meeting. I have a quick follow up question. I was wondering if the EPA's review of McDermott's study was peer-reviewed in the same sense as McDermott's study.

That's all! Thanks again for your help and time.

Best,  
Kristine de Leon

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